

Amendment dated September 14, 2004

Reply of final Office Action dated June 16, 2004

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The final Office Action dated June 16, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, Applicants have amended claim 1. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-15 are pending with claims 4-15 being withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,587,160, issued to Lee et al. (hereafter "Lee"). Applicants traverse the rejection because Lee fails to teach or suggest each of the features recited in the claims of the present application. For example, Lee fails to teach or suggest a liquid crystal display device that includes, among other features, "a plurality of pixel electrodes...; and a plurality of common electrodes integrally connected to the common line, wherein the plurality of common electrodes and plurality of pixel electrodes are spaced apart from each other and arranged in an alternating pattern" as recited in independent claim 1 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully note that Lee is directed to a TN-mode LCD device, and not to an in-plane switching mode LCD as recited in the claims of the present application. As such, Lee fails to teach the required structure of the present application. Because Lee fails to teach or suggest at least the above structural features of independent claim 1, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-3 are allowable over Lee. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

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